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Aloha,

I am a resident and home owner on Uhiwai Place, one block off of W Vineyard St. in Wailuku. About 3 weeks ago I received my first notification in the mail that there would be a MAJOR construction project that would disrupt my daily activities for the next few years.

After hearing about the project from a real estate agent, I attending several of the community meetings and every time I have walked away feeling like the County was simply trying to sell something that is already signed and sealed. There was no feeling of community input on this, and although I understand the issue of what to do with the parking space and how to revitalize Wailuku has been on the table, this project is not seeking community input and is simply trying to inform the community of its decision. At the tune of \$84+ million dollars, plus an expected \$6+ million, I wonder where in the world did the will of the voters go? Every discussion I've had with my fellow registered voters has always led to affordable housing. Paid parking and office space is not a priority for myself, or for the majority of voters. I feel confused.

Today I just found out that now zoning changes are being pushed through with this project. I've never heard mention of it before and now we are talking about the fabric of how our community is shaped. There are so many vacant buildings in Wailuku that could benefit from zoning changes that revitalize from the ground up, from the people who are already property owners and residents, yet another new flashy building that will certainly gentrify the neighborhood is what gets pushed through.

I encourage you to reconsider this project. The infrastructure improvements are great, but commercial office space and paid parking are a distraction from what Wailuku needs in order to revitalize.

Mahalo for your consideration.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely, ~Sunny

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